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# Introduction

- **Thousands of people are declared inadmissible or deportable each year**, often facing unclear legal status, detention, or human rights risks. \*
- **Undocumented Migrants** including **IDP's** and other vulnerable populations (stateless persons for ex) **struggle to obtain legal Identity / travel documents**, limiting legal mobility, and therefore access to work, education, justice and protection.

## IOM's Role:

- **Supporting safe, dignified, and legal pathways for migrants** (*Legal Identity; Consular Support; Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) Programs; Humanitarian Corridors / Resettlements; Digital Identity and Travel Document Initiatives; Capacity-Building and Policy Support*)
- **Enhancing identity management and travel document issuance** for vulnerable groups (*. Ex: Burkina Faso citizens in Libya*).



# Challenges States Face in Handling Inadmissible Persons and Returnees/Deportees

From an international migration perspective, States face **three major challenges**:

## 1. Legal and Policy Constraints:

- Divergent national laws creates **inconsistent definitions of inadmissibility and deportation**; **No [clear] return agreements**, leaving individuals in limbo.

## 2. Operational and Logistical Difficulties:

- **Identity verification challenges** (fraudulent documents, lack of cooperation from countries of origin); **Prolonged detention** due to unresolved nationality disputes; **Complex readmission processes**.

## 3. Human Rights and Protection Concerns:

- Risk of **arbitrary detention or refoulement**; Need for **humane treatment in detention and deportation processes**.





# How IOM Can Support Member States in Managing Deportees, Returnees and Inadmissible Persons

- Assisted [Dignified] Voluntary Return and Reintegration (**AVRR**).
- **Capacity-Building** on human rights-based approaches Border Officials.
- **Consular Support** to securely facilitate migrants' identification.
- Humanitarian Corridors / **Resettlement**.
- **Migrant Resource Centers / Mobile Registration Hubs**
- **Legal Identity**, Registration and Digital Identity and Travel Document Initiatives.
- **Legal and Policy Guidance** to assist MS in aligning policies with international standards
- **Alternatives to Detention** by promoting community-based solutions



# Access to Travel Documents for Undocumented Migrants

## Barriers to access Legal Identity / Travel Documents:

Many undocumented migrants **lack recognized nationality**, making it difficult to obtain ICAO Doc 9303-compliant travel documents.

**Limited issuance and recognition of proof of legal** identity and travel documents create obstacles for legal travel.

## IOM's Role in Improving Access:

**Advocating for MRTDs**, through the MoU with ICAO on the TRIP Strategy implementation

**Supporting biometric registration** and digital identity systems for vulnerable migrants.

**Promoting harmonization of travel document policies** (TRIP Strategy).







## Innovation in Travel Document Issuance

- **Digital Travel Credentials**
- **Digital Identity Ecosystems**
- **AI in Identity Verification**
- **Biometrics**
- **Public-Private Collaboration**



## Summary & Next Steps

### Key Messages:

States must ensure **dignified, coordinated, and lawful handling** of inadmissible persons and deportees.

Access to **ICAO-compliant and recognized travel documents** (including ETDs) is essential for migrants, refugees and stateless persons.

**Technology and international cooperation** are key to modernizing identity management.

### IOM's Commitment:

Supporting humane return programs, identity registration, and policy alignment for fair migration governance.



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# Thank You

